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Page 5, line 5, after the phrase "acid sequence" insert --
(SEQ ID NO:2)---.

Page 5, delete lines 12 and 13 and insert the following paragraph:

--Figure 2 shows the amino acid sequence homology between VIGF and other proteins which are members of the CCN family. Figure 2, contains seven (7) comparative polypeptide sequences: ce10_chick (SEQ ID NO:11), cyr6_mouse (SEQ ID NO:12), ctgf_human (SEQ ID NO:13), fisp_12 (SEQ ID NO:14), nov_chick (SEQ ID NO:15), ibp_3human (SEQ ID NO:16) and ccn-4 (SEQ ID NO:17). The comparative polypeptide sequences are designated by one-letter amino acid codes.--

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Page 5, line 17, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--

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Page 5, line 20, please insert before "A polynucleotide encoding..." the following paragraph:

--The ATCC number referred to above is directed to a biological deposit with the ATCC, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852. The strain is being maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty and will be made available to a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty.--

Page 6, lines 25, 29 and 32, each occurrence, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--.

Page 7, lines 14, 20, 24 and 30, each occurrence, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--.

Page 9, next to last line, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--.

Page 10, third line from end of page, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--.

Page 11, lines 2 and 12, each occurrence, change "Figure 1" to --Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, collectively,--.